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- 1. EMBASSY CHECKED WITH UNHOR REPRESENTATIVE LYONETTE ON ALLEGATIONS MADE BY PERUVIAN LEDESMA REGARDING TREATMENT IN ARGENTINA. LYONETTE SPOKE PRIVATELY WITH SEVEN OF THE PERUVIAN DEPORTEES, INCLUDING LEDESMA, AT FEDERAL SECURITY HEADQUARTERS BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE TO MEXICO AND FRANCE.
- 2. ACCORDING TO LYONETTE, NONE OF THE PERUVIANS COMPLAINED OF MISTREATMENT. DURING THEIR INITIAL WEEKLONG STAY IN JUJUY THEY WERE KEPT IN ARMY BARRACKS AND PRESUMABLY NOT GRANTED FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT WHILE THEIR STATUS WAS BEING DISCUSSED WITH ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES. IN BUENOS AIRES, THEY WERE LODGED IN FEDERAL SECURITY HEADQUARTERS IN CELLS BUT THEY WERE NOT DEGAINED. THEY WERE FREE TO MOVE OUTSIDE SECURITY HEADQUARTERS, MAKE PHONE CALLS AND RECEIVE VISITORS. THEY RECEIVED MONEY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND CLOTHING FROM THEIR FAMILIES THROUGH THE UNHCR. THOUGH SOME OF THE PERUVIANS SAID THEY WISHED THEY HAD MORE COMFORTABLE ACCOMMODATIONS, THERE WERE NO COMPLAINTS THAT FOOD WASN'T AVAILABLE OR THAT THE CELLS WERE DIRTY. LEDESMA, RECALLED LYONETTE, BEGAN COMPLAINING ABOUT THE ACCOMODATIONS BUT WAS SILENCED BY OTHER PERUVIANS WHO

SAID THEY BELIEVED THAT ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES WERE DOING THE BEST THEY COULD WITH THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THEM. HIGGINS

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